IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE, ANDHRA PRADESH
AT HYDERABAD
(Special Original Jurisdiction)

WEDNESDAY THE ELEVENTH DAY OF JULY
TWO THOUSAND AND SEVEN

PRESENT

THE HON'BLE MR JUSTICE S.ANANDA REDDY

WRIT PETITION NO.16041 of 2001

Between:
Sri Ratna Picture Palace, Chintalapudi,
W.G.District represented by its Managing Partner
Jakkam Gopaiah and 2 others

..... PETITIONERS

AND
Film Division, Ministry of Information
& Broad casting, Government of India,
rep.by its Branch Manager, Gandhinagar,
Vijayawada, Krishna District and another

.....RESPONDENTS

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ORDER:

This writ petition is filed by the petitioners, seeking Writ of Mandamus, declaring the action of the 1st respondent demanding the petitioners to pay arrears of rentals and insisting the petitioners to exhibit Indian News Review Films by compulsorily entering into agreement, as bad and without jurisdiction.

At the time of hearing, it is represented that a batch of writ petitions as well as writ appeals were disposed of by the Division Bench of this Court in W.A.298 of 2001 & batch, where the Division Bench of this Court observed as under:

> "We, therefore, are of the opinion that the liability of the appellants has to be determined on resolution of the dispute as to whether short films had been supplied to them or not. Such dispute has to be determined in an appropriate Forum and not in a writ proceeding. It is needless to say that the State cannot refuse to renew the cinematograph licenses of the appellants unless conditions precedent therefore are not satisfied. These writ appeals and writ petitions are disposed of with the afore mentioned directions and observations"

In view of the above order of the Division Bench, this Writ Petition is also disposed of, with the same directions and observations. No order as to costs.

S.ANANDA REDDY,J

Dated: 11.07.2007
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